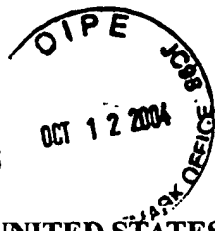


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Shuji HIRAO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4984
Application No.: 10/643,980 : Group Art Unit: 2825
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For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 12, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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